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HOUSE RESOLUTION 149
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate the Clarkrange High School Chess Team on being named the 2001 Regional Champions, the 2001 State Champions, and the 2001 National Runner-Up.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those exemplary organizations, and their individual members who through their hard work and commitment have distinguished themselves in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, One such outstanding organization is the Clarkrange High School Chess Team, which in this year's competitive season has been named Regional Champions, State Champions, and National Runner-Up; and

WHEREAS, At the 2001 National Championship, competing against seventy-two teams, Mark Dixon, Glenis Swallows, Matt Human, Ryan West, Joe Wright, Brandon Anderson, Kirk Clark, Timmy Smith, and Brandon Nelson accumulated a remarkable 19.5 points; and

WHEREAS, In addition to winning Runner-Up, the Clarkrange High School Chess Team placed sixth out of fifty-two teams in the National "Blitz" tournament, a speed Chess Tournament which was held before the National Championship; and

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WHEREAS, Two team members also earned top fifty scores in the regular competition; Junior Matt Human placed 26th and Junior Ryan West placed 36th out of four hundred and seventeen players; and

WHEREAS, Under the astute guidance of Coach Mike Cross, Assistant Coach Chuck Lovingood, and Advisor Harry Sabine, chess team members, throughout the school year, attend practice from 7 am to 8 am every morning, play chess clubs in other towns as a prelude to matches, and learn from guest speakers, usually a master ranked player; this summer they will be attending a chess camp; and

WHEREAS, Founding coach, Mike Cross, has said “Our guys are aggressive players. That’s always been our style. But they are team players. Individual awards are fine, but these guys play as a team”; and

WHEREAS, Coming close to repeating last year’s national win, the Clarkrange High School Chess Team's skill and steadiness played an integral role in their success; each member exemplifies the spirit and dedication that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, The Chess Team's significant achievement is a tremendous source of happiness for their families, their school, and their community; and

WHEREAS, It is the privilege of this legislative body to acknowledge and applaud the Clarkrange High School Chess Team for their considerable achievements in competition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate the Clarkrange High School Chess Team on being named 2001 Regional Champions, 2001 State Champions, and 2001 National Runner-Up, commend their persistence and skill, and extend to them our heartfelt wishes for every continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.